

Welcome to
Washington, D.C.



CONGRESSMAN
Ted Poe
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Dear Friend,

Welcome to our nation's capital!

Washington, D.C. is a city rich in history and proudly endures as a living symbol of liberty. Monuments and memorials stand as tributes to honor our nation, our leaders and our fallen heroes. Museums, galleries and gardens abound as well.

I hope you will find the enclosed information about some of the most popular attractions useful as you plan your trip and navigate the city. Maps of the National Mall and Metro should also prove useful.

Also, please be sure to stop by my office during your visit. We would love to have the opportunity to meet you and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about our office's services.

Enjoy your visit and I look forward to hearing about your time in Washington, D.C.!

God and Texas,



TED POE
Member of Congress
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CAPITOL HILL

U.S. Capitol Building & Capitol Visitor Center

East end of the National Mall.

Monday–Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

(202) 225-6827. Tickets required. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Capitol South

The U.S. Capitol Building is open to the public for guided tours only. Visitors may obtain free tickets on a first-come, first-served basis through their Representative's or Senator's office. Tours may also be set up through the Capitol Visitor Center by visiting www.visitthecapitol.gov.

U.S. Supreme Court

1st Street and Maryland Avenue, NW.

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

(202) 479-3000. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Capitol South

The nation's highest court meets in this historic building, with tours departing every half hour. Lectures available when court is not in session.

Library of Congress

1st Street and Independence Avenue, SE.

Monday–Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

(202) 707-8000. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Capitol South

This is the largest library in the world. It contains over 75 million items, including books, pictures, movies, maps and exhibits. Five tours are conducted each day.

Union Station

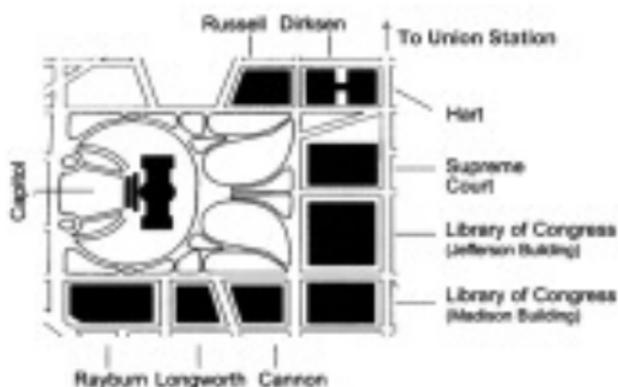
50 Massachusetts Avenue, NE.

Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Sunday, noon–6 p.m.

(202) 289-1908. Free admission.

Metro: ● Union Station

Washington's original train station has been restored to its original splendor. Not only a working train station, it is also a lively shopping mall with a variety of restaurants.



Washington Monument

On the National Mall at 15th Street, NW.

Grounds: 24 hours a day. Tours: Daily, 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m. (800) 967-2283. Tickets required. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

This most famous of all Washington landmarks provides a breathtaking view of the city. Same-day tickets available at the monument kiosk beginning at 8:30 a.m. For a fee, tickets can be reserved by calling the toll-free number listed above, or online at <http://reservations.nps.gov>.

Lincoln Memorial

Access from 23rd Street between Constitution and Independence Avenues, SW.

Grounds: 24 hours a day. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Foggy Bottom–GWU

This tribute to the nation's 16th president is an enduring symbol of freedom.

Vietnam Veterans War Memorial

Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, NW.

Grounds: 24 hours a day. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Foggy Bottom–GWU

This memorial was constructed to honor all Americans who served in the Vietnam War. Over 58,000 names are inscribed into the monument's black granite walls.

World War II Memorial

On the National Mall at 17th Street, NW.

Grounds: 24 hours a day. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

One of the newest memorials in Washington, it memorializes the U.S. veterans and soldiers who served and died in WW II.

Jefferson Memorial

South Bank of the Tidal Basin. Access from East Basin Drive.

Grounds: 24 hours a day. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian (closest)

This tribute to the nation's 3rd president is situated along the Tidal Basin. Rent a pedal boat at the Swan Boathouse for a cruise on the Basin from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

FDR Memorial

West Potomac Park, between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River, at West Basin and Ohio Drives, SW.

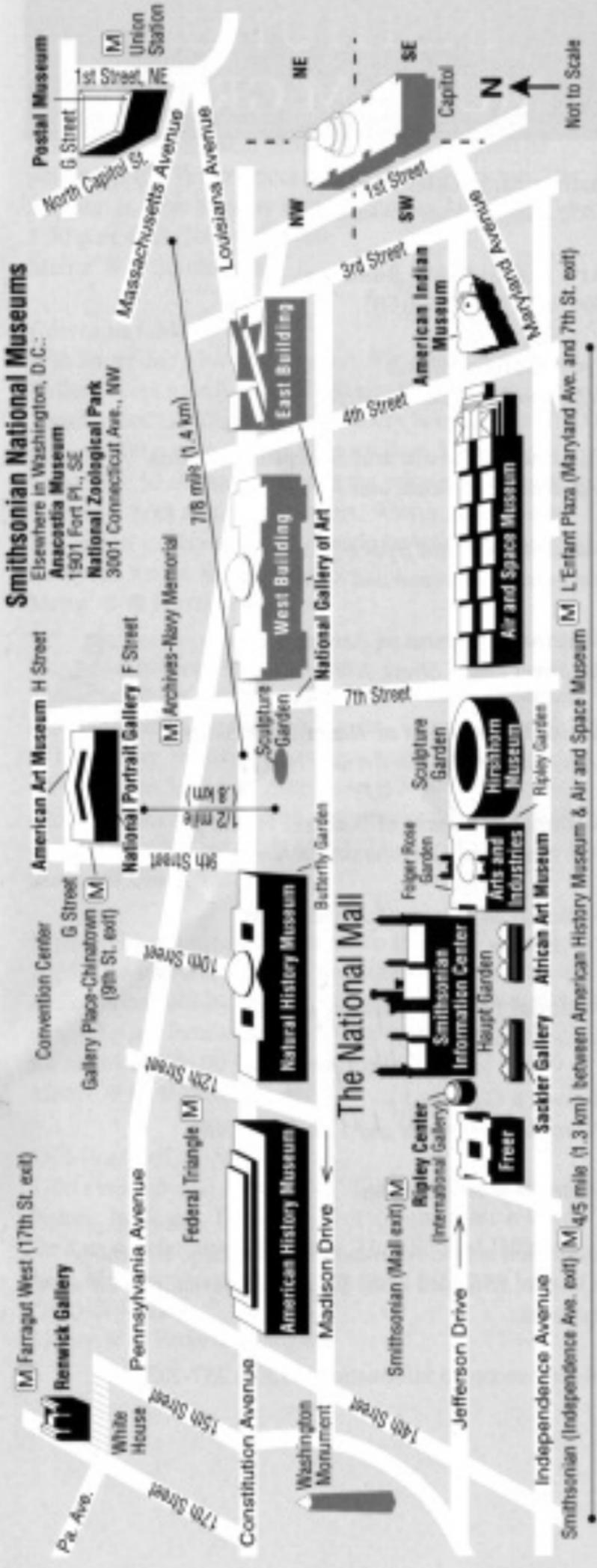
Grounds: 24 hours a day. Free admission.

Metro: None

A tribute to the 32nd president of the United States, there are outdoor galleries for each of FDR's four terms in office.

Smithsonian National Museums

Elsewhere in Washington, D.C.:
 Anacostia Museum
 1901 Fort Pl., SE
 National Zoological Park
 3001 Connecticut Ave., NW



[M] L'Enfant Plaza (Maryland Ave. and 7th St. exit)
 [M] 4.5 mile (1.3 km) between American History Museum & Air and Space Museum
 [M] 1.2 mile (0.8 km)
 718 m (0.44 mi)

Map is courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution.

NATIONAL MALL MAP

MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Smithsonian Museums: Daily, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (Subject to change)

National Portrait Gallery: Daily, 11:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

General Information: (202) 633-1000. Free admission.

The Castle (Smithsonian Building)

10th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

National Air & Space Museum

6th Street and Independence Avenue, SW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

American Art Museum

9th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

National Museum of American History

14th Street and Constitution Avenue, SW.

Metro: ●● Federal Triangle

National Museum of Natural History

10th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

National Museum of the American Indian

4th Street and Independence Avenue, NW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

National Portrait Gallery

8th Street and F Street, NW.

Metro: ●●● Gallery Place–Chinatown

Arts & Industries Building

900 Jefferson Drive, SW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

National Museum of African Art

950 Independence Avenue, SW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

Renwick Gallery

4th Street and Independence Avenue, NW.

Metro: ●● Farragut West

Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden

Independence Avenue and 7th Street, SW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

Freer Gallery of Art

Jefferson Drive at 12th Street, SW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

1050 Independence Avenue, SW.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW.

Daily, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Tickets are required.

(800) 400-9373. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

Be sure to visit this museum, which pays tribute to the victims of the Nazi Holocaust. Due to the sensitive nature of this memorial, use discretion when traveling with small children.

Corcoran Gallery of Art

17th Street and New York Avenue, NW.

Daily, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. (Closed Tuesday, Open until 9 p.m. Thursday)

(202) 639-1700. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 seniors.

Metro: ● Union Station

Washington's oldest and largest gallery showing American art collections and European works. Admission is higher on weekends.

National Museum of Women in the Arts

1250 New York Avenue, NW.

Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday, noon–6 p.m.

(202) 783-5000. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors.

Metro: ●●● Metro Center

This museum spotlights artistic endeavors and contributions by women throughout the world.

Old Post Office Museum

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Sunday hours Noon to 6 p.m.

Tickets are required.

(202) 289-4224. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Federal Triangle

Come and learn about a historic landmark. Be sure to visit the observation tower for a wonderful view of the city.

Newseum

555 Pennsylvania, Avenue, NW.

Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are required.

(888) 639-7386. Admission \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$13 youth, student and small children discounts available.

Metro: ●● Archives–Navy

A 250,000 square foot museum of news—a blend of five centuries of news history with up to the second technology and hands-on exhibits.



The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

Tuesday–Saturday. Scheduled tours only.

Schedule tours with your member of Congress. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Farragut West

Tour requests must be submitted through one's member of Congress and will be accepted up to six months in advance, but not less than 45 days in advance.

Mount Vernon

George Washington Parkway, Mount Vernon, VA.

Daily, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (September–March, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.).

(703) 780-2000. Admission: Free–\$13, depending on age.

Metro: None

Just 16 miles from downtown Washington, D.C., George Washington's 18th century mansion overlooks the Potomac River.

Arlington House, Robert E. Lee Memorial

Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Daily, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Grounds open at 8 a.m.

(703) 235-1530. Tours every 10 minutes. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Arlington Cemetery

Over 200 acres from Lee's property were taken during the Civil War to create a cemetery for war casualties. Be sure to see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, as well as the graves of Presidents John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft.

Peterson House

10th Street between E and F Streets, NW.

Daily, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

(202) 426-6924. Free admission.

Metro: ●●● Metro Center

This is the house President Abraham Lincoln was taken to after being fatally shot at Ford's Theatre.

Octagon House

18th Street, E Street and New York Avenue, NW.

Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

(202) 638-3105. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children and seniors.

Metro: ●● Farragut West ●● Farragut North

This house served as President James Madison's "White House" following the destruction of the real White House by the British in 1814.

Cedar Hill

1411 W Street, SE.

April–October: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., November–March: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Groups of five or more must make reservations.

(202) 638-3105 or (800) 967-2283. Admission: \$5.

Metro: None

Home of Frederick Douglass, defender of the poor, abolitionist and advocate of women's rights.

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown is over 300 years old, making it the oldest neighborhood in Washington, D.C. Once a busy tobacco port, it is where George Washington planned our nation's capital. Francis Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," lived and practiced law here. As a senator, John F. Kennedy lived here as well.

Metro: ●● Foggy Bottom (5–10 block walk)

C&O Canal

This canal, which stretches from Georgetown to Cumberland, Maryland, was built to link the resources from rural areas to the cities of the East. Coal, grain and lumber were transported to Georgetown by mule-drawn barges until 1924.

Georgetown University

Founded in 1789 by John Carroll and the Society of Jesuits, a worldwide order of Catholic priests. George Washington visited the oldest surviving building on the campus, Old North. Built in 1795, the building housed his grandnephews, Augustine and Bushrod. Today, Georgetown University is the oldest Catholic university in the United States and ranks among the most distinguished educational institutions in the country.

Embassy Row

Along Massachusetts Avenue between Dupont Circle and Observatory Circle, just north of Georgetown, the mansions of wealthy Washington socialites before the 1930s now house many embassies and chanceries.

OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

Scottish tobacco merchants founded Alexandria in 1749. Old Town originally was a part of D.C. until 1846, when the town became a part of Virginia. In the 1980s, Old Town re-cobblestoned the streets, re-bricked the sidewalks, installed gardens and patios, and restored over 1,000 historic facades. Old Town is a wonderful place to shop, dine and enjoy Virginia's famous hospitality.

Metro: ●● King Street (Walk east on King Street)

Christ Church

*118 North Washington Street, at Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA.
Monday/Wednesday: noon–4 p.m., Tuesday/Thurs–Sat: 9 a.m.–4p.m.,
Sunday: 2 p.m.–4 p.m.
(703) 549-1450. Free admission.*

This colonial building with a domed steeple and quiet, shady cemetery was the place of worship for George Washington and Robert E. Lee.

Carlyle House

*121 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA.
Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday, noon–4 p.m.
(703) 549-2997. Tours on the half hour. Admission: \$3, under 10 free.*

The home of Scottish merchant John Carlyle showcases Alexandria's rich history. The house is patterned after 18th century Scottish and northern English homes.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

U.S. Botanic Garden

245 1st Street, SW.

Daily, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

(202) 225-8333. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Federal Center or Capitol South

This oldest botanical garden in the U.S. has a permanent collection as well as a variety of seasonal plants. Visit the flower shop to take home your favorites.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

14th Street and C Street, SW.

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

(202) 874-2330. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Smithsonian

A once in a lifetime opportunity, here you can see for yourself how U.S. currency is printed.

Ford's Theatre and The Lincoln Museum

10th Street between E and F Streets, NW.

Monday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

(202) 426-6924. Free admission.

Metro: ●●● Metro Center

Visit the location where President Lincoln was assassinated. Call first to make sure rehearsals are not in progress.

John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts

2700 F Street, NW.

Monday–Friday: 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

(800) 444-1324 or (202) 467-4600. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Foggy Bottom–GWU

Tours of this magnificent facility begin every 15 minutes and last approximately 45 minutes.

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

5th Street and E Street, NW.

Open 24 hours. Free admission.

Metro: ● Judiciary Square

A powerful memorial of marble walls inscribed with the names of over 13,500 officers who have lost their lives while on duty since 1794.

National Aquarium

14th Street between Constitution Avenue and D Street, NW.

Daily, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

(202) 482-2825. Admission: \$3.50 adult, \$1 children ages 2–10.

Metro: ●● Federal Triangle

The oldest public aquarium in the country has many wonderful exhibits. Among the displays are 48 tanks of fish, frogs, alligators, sharks and other creatures.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

National Archives

7th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

*Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (March 17–Labor Day until 7 p.m.).
(202) 357-5450. Free admission.*

Metro: ●● Archives–Navy Memorial

Exhibits, tours and films highlight the nation's history and development. On display are the original documents of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. Please call for information and tour availability.

National Geographic World Headquarters

17th Street and M Street, NW.

*Monday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
(202) 857-7588 or (800) 647-5463. Free admission.*

Metro: ● Farragut North

Visit Explorer's Hall and view the latest expedition artifacts, including Jacques Cousteau's diving saucer and Admiral Perry's famous sled, as well as hundreds of other breathtaking artifacts.

National Zoo

13001 Connecticut Avenue, NW.

Daily 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

(202) 633-4800. Free admission.

Metro: ● Woodley Park–Zoo

Visit the home of Ling Ling and Hsing Hsing, the famous Chinese pandas, as well as hundreds of other animals, birds and reptiles.

Pentagon

Across the 14th Street Bridge in Virginia.

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

(703) 697-1776. Free admission.

Metro: ●● Pentagon

See the Flag Corridor and the Hall of Heroes. Please call for tour availability.

U.S. Naval Observatory

34th Street and Massachusetts Avenue, NW.

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

(202) 762-1467. Call in advance. Free admission.

Metro: None

Tour includes presentations about the Master Atomic Clock, observations through telescopes and discussions with staff astronomers.

Washington National Cathedral

Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenue, NW.

Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–3:15 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

(202) 537-6200. Free admission.

Metro: None

See the largest gothic cathedral in the Western Hemisphere. Take a guided tour through the Cathedral and the Gloria in Excelsis Tower, which is the highest point in Washington. Also, look for the piece of moon rock embedded in one of the stained glass windows.

HELPFUL TIPS

Call Congressman Poe's Washington, D.C. office well in advance for help in planning your trip to Washington, D.C. Passes to the Capitol Gallery are limited and given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Some attractions are booked months in advance.

Try to be realistic about what you can see and do on a short trip. Purchase a good guidebook and D.C. street map. Read ahead of time about places you plan on visiting.

Due to the events of September 11th, some buildings and attractions in Washington, D.C. are no longer giving tours, or have scaled back their tour schedules. It is always a good idea to call ahead to each place you plan on visiting so you can get the latest information.

Pack a small day bag with snacks, water, juice, hand wipes, notebook, pen, camera, extra film, raincoats and umbrellas that easily fold up. Remember that many attractions require passage through metal detectors and X-ray machines, so take only what you need.

Be prepared with comfortable walking shoes for your trip to D.C. Many of the museums are large and spacious and lines can be long in the summer months. Many attractions are close together and exploring on foot is the best way to discover Washington, D.C.

During the summer months, plan on numerous water breaks to counter the heat and humidity.

Carry plenty of loose change and small bills for Metro and/or bus fares, snacks, drinks and phone calls.

Taxis are fast and reliable. They can help you reach areas of the city that are not easily accessible by public transportation and they are a good option during hours the Metro is not running.

Take advantage of the many free concerts, lectures, and activities that D.C. has to offer all year round. A wonderful place to get updated information on such events is through the *Washington Post's* website at www.washingtonpost.com.

Make safety a priority. As in any large city in America, be aware of your surroundings. Travel only in well-lit areas after dark. Carry your purse close to your body and your wallet in a front pocket.

Washington, D.C. has limited parking facilities. It is expensive to park in a garage or lot for the day. There is some metered street parking, but it only allows you to park for up to 2 hours. It is much easier and more affordable, to use D.C.'s clean and safe public transportation system than to drive and find parking.

Please do not hesitate to contact Congressman Poe's office if you need further assistance or if any unforeseen problems arise during your trip.

CAPITOL & WHITE HOUSE TOURS

Congressman Poe's office would like to make your visit to Washington, D.C. as enjoyable as possible. For a memorable trip, be sure to contact his office to request a tour of the historic U.S. Capitol Building and the newly constructed Capitol Visitor Center. It is recommended that you submit your request as far in advance of your trip as possible.



Visitors may also request a tour of the White House through Congressman Poe's office. These tours are granted at the White House's discretion according to availability. Please keep in mind that tours may be in higher demand during certain times of the year, such as spring break, Cherry Blossom season and the summer, so although a request by the Congressman's office does not guarantee tour access, your chances of being approved will greatly increase the earlier your request is submitted. Requests may be submitted through Congressman Poe's office up to 6 months in advance of your visit.

Please feel free to contact Congressman Poe's office for further information.





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Every other outbound Red Line train terminates at Grosvenor-Strathmore station Weekdays 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.



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